

KILLESTER COLLEGE

newsletter



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5th May 2017

Prayer

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.*

*Blessed art thou among
women,
and blessed is the fruit of
thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our
death.*

Amen.



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Friends,

The month of May has traditionally been considered by Catholics as the month of Mary, mother of Jesus. This tradition comes from the northern hemisphere when Spring is about to begin and the May is rich with the symbolism of new life which comes with this season of the year. Whilst this tradition was started centuries ago, even before this the Ancient Greeks Romans celebrated Goddesses in this month. Perhaps it is from this that the Catholic Church adopted the idea to honour Mary. Of course, for most of us, the significance is that Mary was an extraordinary mother and in May, we remember not only her example of motherhood and love, but we remember our own mothers on Mother's Day. Last week the Pope was critical of the word mother being used to describe a new bomb used by the USA in Syria. The 'mother of all bombs' as it is called, is the opposite to the essence of motherhood – violence and death, rather than life, dissemination of homes rather than the building of homes, destruction of families rather than the nurturing of families. Some would say that it is just a phrase, but language is important, and the use of language in a pejorative way diminishes respect for the original meaning. At school we are endeavouring to listen carefully to how the girls speak to each other in words and tone. Small things are important to pick up just as much as the bigger things. Importantly, in this month of May, let's try to take some time to reflect on the importance of mothers and the example of Mary.

We have a promising day for the Athletics today and will report to you in next week's newsletter regarding the results. Next week we are holding our first Community Conversation evening for Year 7 parents. The evening will begin at 7pm in the Year 7 classrooms. I hope to see many of you there.

Best wishes for the coming week

Leanne Di Stefano
Principal

The Week Ahead

MAY	
Monday 8th	Yr 7 Immunisations Life Skills Excursion P3-5 Peer Support P4
Tuesday 9th	Athletics Training 7am-8am NAPLAN P1-4 Yr 8 Assembly P5 Social Justice Film Night 3:30pm-6:30pm SESG Sport - After School
Wednesday 10th	NAPLAN P 1-2 Yr 8AG Wallara Excursion P1-4 Yr 10 NGV Art Excursion - All day SESG Sport - After School
Thursday 11th	Athletics Training 7am-8am NAPLAN P1-2 Yr 7 Community Conversations Evening 7pm-8:30pm Building Bridges at Mazenod 4:15pm-7:30pm
Friday 12th	SCSA Athletics All Day

Farewell to our lovely Maryann



Out and About

The Killester Involvement Committee (KIC) comprises a group of parents who contribute to the life of the College through fundraising activities, whole school events and various parent evenings. They represent many of the cultural groups present in the school. They act as a sounding board for new initiatives, as well as providing essential feedback on a range of school matters. The conversations in these meetings continue to display the great enthusiasm and commitment our parents have for the many events occurring in the school. The next meeting of KIC is this coming Monday in the administration building. All parents are welcome to attend. It commences at 7.00pm. We will be discussing a major new event that will take place in September of this year.

Next Monday are the re-scheduled Year 7 immunisations. We also undertake the NAPLAN testing with Year 7 and 9 students on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Queries regarding these can be directed to Ms Tanya McAllister, Ms Michel Kennedy and Mr Andrew Bertschik.

Yesterday we completed a practice evacuation of the College. These evacuations and lock-downs are obviously extremely important, as they teach students how to react and behave during an emergency. The College was evacuated and all students accounted for within five and a half minutes.

A reminder to Year 7 parents that this coming Thursday, May 11th, there will be a Community Conversation at 7.00pm in the Year 7 rooms. We will be discussing the transition to secondary school and how things are going thus far. We look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes to the SCSA Athletics team when they compete next Friday at the Lakeside Stadium.

All the best,
Loreto Cannon
School Operations and Community Development

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be held on Tuesday 9 May, Wednesday 10 May and Thursday 11 May 2017. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN test. During test week, catch-up tests will be available for the individual students who are absent on test days.

You will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report later in the year. For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au. To discuss any issues regarding NAPLAN, please contact Ms McAllister, the school's NAPLAN coordinator, by phone or by emailing tmcallister@killester.vic.edu.au.

Host Families Needed!!!

An invitation is extended to Killester families to host a visiting student from Hong Kong. Two girls will join our community from July 16th till August 3rd. The girls will most likely be 15 to 16 years old. If you are able to assist please phone Ms Cannon at the College or email lcannon@killester.vic.edu.au. The finer details of the girls' visit are yet to be organised but it generally will involve simply including the host student into your family for the two weeks.

Year 9 Short Stories

On the 26th of April, the Year 9s met bestselling author, Cath Crowley. Cath shared her experiences in the field of writing and gave us some useful advice to help us write our short stories. She was very nice to talk to and she signed some books for the library. She talked one on one with the Killester girls, helping them and answering questions. In the theatre she showed us a presentation that she had prepared for us about writing short stories. She also told us some interesting stories about her life and her struggles as a teen in the English classroom. She said that even though she is a professional writer, she also has writer's block and since we are in the middle of writing short stories at the moment that it was normal for us to experience this. Overall she gave great advice, as well as encouragement!

Sandra and Michayla from Year 9



Final Reminder from the Finance Office

If you currently hold a valid Health Care Card or Pension Card you are eligible for the CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund) payment from the State Government. To receive this payment, (that will be credited to your fee account), you will need to come to the Finance Department of the school front office and complete an application form. You need to present your concession card when submitting the application. If you are eligible and have not submitted a form as yet, please do so WITHOUT DELAY to receive the allowance.

Indonesian Film Festival

During the Indonesian Film festival, the Year 10 Indonesian class went to watch "Sokola Rimba" (The Jungle School) at ACMI cinemas in the city. The film was based on a true story by Butet Manurung and shows her struggles teaching the Jungle people of Sumatra how to read and write.

The film begins with Butet travelling into the Jambi jungle of Sumatra, where she faints due to malaria. A boy named Bungo, from downstream, saves her and carries her to a tribe. She learns that his tribe is in trouble because illegal loggers were coming to the jungle to clear land for palm oil plantations. His tribe was forced to move further out of the jungle. Knowing that the tribe people were illiterate, the loggers forced the tribe members to sign a contract to give up their land.

They were in peril until Butet decided to make some changes. She set up a school with just a black board and chalk, teaching the children how read and write. This proved to be quite difficult later on because the children's tribe leaders thought that education was a curse. Consequently Bungo had to keep his education a secret from his elders.

The film shows Bungo's perseverance, courage and the importance of education. In the end Bungo was able to meet with the loggers and read the contract word by word. This scene was a very touching moment because Bungo had overcome adversity and achieved what many thought was impossible. The film was very interesting and highlights the impact our society has on the Indonesian environment and its people.

*Chen La Keath and Casey Li
Year 10 Indonesian Class*





VCE Premier's Award 2017 - Spanish

Congratulations to Maria Hincapie-Gallego

On Thursday 27th April 2017, I had the pleasure and honour to attend the VCE Premier's Award at the Palladium at Crown. The VCE Premier's Award rewards top performing students for their outstanding academic achievements in the VCE. Maria Hincapie-Gallego, one of our very own students, currently in Year 12, received this prestigious and significant award for studying Spanish in 2016 through the Victorian School of Languages (VSL). Maria received the Study Award for Spanish as she achieved a study score of 50, the highest in the state for Spanish. Congratulations Maria, Killester is immensely proud of you and your achievement!!!!

Liliana Di Bari

Learning Area Leader -Languages

SCSA Futsal and Badminton

We have had a busy few weeks in sport with two SCSA competitions held in the last two weeks.

On Friday April 28th we took three teams (junior, intermediate and senior) to Albert Park Indoor Sports Centre, where they competed in the interschool SCSA Futsal competition. Killester played a host of different schools including: St Aloysius, OLSH, Marian, CLC, Academy and Mater Christi. The girls had a big day, playing against all six teams. All teams competed exceptionally well, but a special mention goes to the intermediate team (coached by Emma Spreckley) who made the semi-finals. The game was exceptionally close, ending in a 1 all scoring draw. In order to get a final result, the match came down to a shoot-out. Although our girls didn't come away with the win, they should be very proud of themselves as making the semi-final was still an amazing achievement. It was also great to see all the other Killester teams watching our girls in the semi-final and cheering them on. Thanks to our coaches Peter Cherrington, Emma Spreckley and Troy Brodie, your efforts are much appreciated.

As well as Futsal, we had our junior, intermediate and senior badminton teams compete in the SCSA badminton competition on Monday at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. We are placed in Division 1 for badminton, so the competition is a very high standard. Our girls competed against the likes of Mount St Josephs, Sacred Heart Geelong, Mater Christi, Kilbreda and St Aloysius. Once again, our girls achieved some fantastic results with all three teams making it into the grand final. Well done to all teams, as making a grand final in Division 1 is no easy task. However, a big congratulations needs to go to our junior badminton girls, who won their grand final and took home the SCSA Division 1 badminton trophy. A fantastic result, well done girls. I would like to acknowledge our coaches for the day; Michel Kennedy, Emma Neville and Emma Sadler. Thank you for supporting our girls. As well, thanks to Bethany (our AFL trainee) who came to assist on the day.

Rebecca Roberts
Sports Coordinator



Textiles - Lessons from Peter Alexander

From researching about Peter Alexander I have learnt that, even though he struggled to pursue his career with setbacks like his learning disability, he found a way. He didn't give up and now has a very successful company. Starting from his mother's dining room to have many companies right around the world he started a very successful business that continues to grow. *Zisca*

Some lessons I could learn from Peter Alexander's life are that if you put your mind to something you can definitely do it because you need to believe in yourself to achieve your goals. Another lesson I could learn from Peter Alexander's life is that even if people put you down or make you feel a bit worthless inside, you always have to keep going and keep your head held high because that's exactly what Peter Alexander did when he was in highschool and look where he is now, 'The King of Pyjamas'! The last lesson I could learn from his life is that I shouldn't care what other people think about me because the only thing that matters is what I think about myself and it should always be positive things. *Mariah*

Through the way he has led his life many lessons can be learnt. One of them would be even if you don't do so well at school, this does not mean that you cannot be successful and or even get a job. Another lesson that can be learnt from his life would be not to lose hope and there is always an opportunity to work hard and succeed, regardless of the circumstances. In his case, he had learning disabilities. *Meena*

Peter Alexander is inspirational to me because although he was put down and was told he wouldn't succeed he was still determined and believed in himself. *Isabel*

Peter Alexander inspires me in a lot of ways. I think he is an inspiration because he started from the bottom and now he is at the top. He shows that what other people think cannot stop you from achieving your dreams. He also inspires me because one day I would like to be in the textiles industry, and hopefully could be as famous as him. He is also an inspiration because he is so down to earth and donates his money to many different causes. *Mia*

Peter Alexander inspires me because he was just an ordinary person who made a fashion empire out of a loan from his father. He had a dream and people around him who supported what he was doing. Being different from other guys he was bullied a lot, like me I was in a school where everyone was bullying me. *Sarah*

Something you can learn from Peter Alexander is that you can't let what others think of you get you down or make you think you are unable to be successful. You should be unique and original because that's how Peter Alexander's clothing became successful, noticed and loved by others. *Sylvia*

Some lessons I've learnt from Peter Alexander's life is to start small and eventually you will get better and bigger. Also practicing something will help you improve. He started out with not much money and now he is selling his designs worldwide. *Jemma*

Some lessons I learnt from Peter Alexander was that sometimes you really have to put your mind to something to achieve the best you can possible and to always believe in myself. *Amber*

Something I can learn from Peter Alexander is to never give up. Even though the teachers insisted he should leave school and do TAFE he did not listen and believed in himself instead. From this he was became a famous designer earning millions. *Mandy*

The things that I've learnt from him are to do what I love doing no matter what others say and don't let them discourage me from doing the things I love. *Vivian*

Peter Alexander is very inspirational, he told and inspired many people that you didn't have to be well liked, popular or smart in school to do great in life, he struggled at school but came out to become a renown sleepwear designer with a booming business. He also teaches and inspires young people to have the confidence in themselves and trust their abilities no matter who brings you down in life, he was discouraged in both his school life and early business life and didn't let anything bring him down, he persevered and he is where he is now because of that. *Amy*

Some lessons I learnt from his life are to be different and try new things, by trying new things I can find a passion or dream. Also that when life seems hard it can get better if you put your mind to it. One more thing I learnt was to follow my dreams and never give up. *Lucy*

Peter shows us that being nice and treating customers well will make our business more successful. He inspires me to never give up on my dreams no matter what people say or do to stop me. *Vivian*

What I could learn from his life is that you can achieve anything, as long as you work hard and you're passionate about it, because if you aren't passionate about it, you won't be motivated to achieve it. *Stephanie*

What I learned from Peter Alexander is that even though you know nothing about a career you want to work towards, is to never give up and continuously try harder towards your goal. I also learnt that when Peter was discouraged at his school that he would never have a successful career, is to block out all that and never listen to them because look at where he is now. In all words, Peter Alexander really inspired me to consistently strive towards my goals and dreams even if my dream is something a bit extravagant. *Chaliena*

From his life I have learnt that doing what you love and following your dreams makes your career exciting and fun. I have also learnt to trust my instincts and do what I believe is good for my future. Peter Alexander is a great role model because he is showing us that doing what you love and following your dreams can give you great success in life. *Neha*

I have learned that to dream big even if you have nothing, but your imagination. Striving to achieve something can make you try even harder and try to achieve it. If something does not go to plan pick yourself up and try again, not everyone achieves on their first go. *Sophia*

FAMILY LEARNING CENTRE

TERM 2 PROGRAM

Free Computer classes for Parents in Term 2

This is your chance to learn Basic Computer skills and be introduced to the first steps in using an Apple Mac. Also how to use the Internet and send Emails and get to know the School Web site and much more! We can answer any Questions you have and help you learn new skills.

When: Wednesdays May 3rd and May 10th

At: 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Where: In the Family Learning Centre at
Killester College

All Parents are welcome.

Conversation English Classes at Killester

On Mondays starting 24th April

- Conversational English Classes will be held on Mondays from 9.30 to 11.30 am.
- They will be held in the Family Learning Centre. Please report to the reception when you come into the school.
- Classes start on Monday 18th April 9.30 am. Classes will run each Monday till end of term
- Please bring a pen and an exercise book or note pad.
- Morning tea will be provided.
- Classes are free. There is no cost to participants
- All parents and families of Killester and wider community are welcome to join these classes.

Community Conversation Meetings

“Making the best start at Killester” for Year 7 Parents

Thursday May 11th 2017 at 7.00 to 8.30 pm

Community Conversations are an opportunity to have a two way conversation between our Parents and the School Leaders so that we can better understand the needs of our parents and enhance the educational experience of our students.

RSVP Roger van Langenberg rvanlangenberg@killester.vic.edu.au

Reply Slip

Daughter's Name:	Homeroom:
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- I/we will be attending the Computer Classes on Wednesday 3rd and 10th May.
- I/we will be attending the Conversation English classes on Mondays from 24th April.
- I/we will be attending the Community Conversation Meeting on Thursday 11th May.

Parent Name:	Signed:
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Or Email RSVP: rvanlangenberg@killester.vic.edu.au



“Nurturing a Healthy Community”

TERM TWO AND THREE MENU, 2017

This canteen menu has been developed after consultation with the Student Committees. It is designed to follow the “Go for your life” Healthy Canteen guidelines, where foods are divided into 3 categories:

- GREEN: Everyday foods
- YELLOW: Select carefully foods - occasionally only
- RED: Limited availability - twice per term only

Lunches must be
PRE-ORDERED

ORDER ONLY		OVER THE COUNTER SALES	
BREAD ROLLS, SANDWICHES			
<i>All wholemeal/whole grain</i>			
<i>Tzatziki spread replaces margarine</i>			
	Price		price
■ Ham	2.70	■ Flavoured Big M UHT 250 ml	2.00
■ Chicken	3.20	■ Flavoured Big M 300 ml Fresh	2.40
■ Cheese	1.50	■ Flavoured Big M 600 ml Fresh	3.60
■ Egg and Lettuce	2.50	■ Up and Go - 250ml	2.30
■ Vegemite	1.50	■ Daily Juice - Apple, Orange, Apple & Breakfast 500 ml	2.50
■ Tuna	3.00	■ Fru Tea - Various Flavours	2.20
■ Any Meat and Salad (Chick,Ham,Tuna)	4.00	■ 110 ml Juice Cups	0.70
■ Salad	3.20	■ Tetra Juice Pack 250ml	1.50
Extras:		■ Dr Smoothie - varied flavours 350ml	3.00
■ Cucumber, Carrot, Beetroot, Lettuce, Tomato, Mayonnaise	0.30 each		
■ Cheese	0.50	Veggie Pack	
**California Rolls (sushi)		■ Celery & Carrot sticks with dip (taz/hom)	2.50
available Tuesday & Thursday			
■ Tuna	3.00	■ Koala Popcorn	1.50
■ Chicken	3.00	■ Fresh Fruit (in season)	0.70
■ Vegetarian	3.00	■ Golburn Valley Cool fruit tubs	2.20
HOT FOOD		■ Fresh/Frozen Yoghurt	2.20
	Price	■ Quelch Fruit Tubes	0.50
■ Homemade soup with dinner roll	3.70	■ Banana Bread	2.50
Monday - Pumpkin		■ Dried Fruits	1.00
Wednesday - Leek and Potato		■ Nuts	2.00
Friday - Chicken and Corn		■ Cheese Snack pack	2.50
■ Baked Potato and coleslaw (Tues & Thurs)	3.70	■ Tuna Snack pack	2.80
Everyday		■ Sarah Lee Muffin	2.80
■ Chicken and Veg Pie 210 g	4.00	■ Breggie Bakes (Bacon & Cheese/Feta & Spinach)	3.50
■ Vegetarian Lasagna	3.70	■ Piranha Crackers	1.50
■ Macaroni Cheese	3.70	HOT FOOD available @ recess only	
■ Pasta Spirals	3.70		Price
■ Beef Traveller Pie 160 g	3.50	■ Steamed Dim Sims	0.90
■ Chicken Sub	4.50	■ Breggie Bake: Bacon & Cheese Feta & Spinach	3.50
■ Veggie Burger	3.50		
■ BBQ Chicken or Margerita Pizza	3.40		
■ Chicken Fantastic Noodles	2.50		
■ Vegetarian Fried Rice	3.50		

Bags can be bought from Canteen before school at 20 cents/4 bags. Name, class, order and amount enclosed to be written on bag. Strictly ONE lunch order per bag. Correct money if possible. No large notes please. Change available from Canteen from 8.00 a.m. Place in basket in homeroom.

Buy and Sell

Second-hand **Textbooks**
Second-hand **Uniforms**



Simply

- Register on the Sustainable School Shop website
- www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

Second-hand textbook & uniform trading systems

- List Wanted & For Sale Ads (Browsers tell each other what they require and what they have to sell).
- The school's book and uniform lists are loaded into the system to make the Ad listing process easy, fast and accurate.
- Our Ad Matching service shows you
 - Exactly the right items to buy
 - Who has the most items you need
 - The cheapest items
- Assistance is provided to accurately price items.
- Buyers contact Sellers, and arrange where and when to transact.
- Excellent email and telephone helplines are provided:
0438 743 444

Cost

- Browse and search the for sale ads for free
- Single items can be advertised for \$1.50
- Annual subscriptions \$21.95 (includes Ad Matching)

Also Buy & Sell

- Calculators
- Sporting items
- Musical items
- Electronics & DVD's
- Stationery

Pricing Guide

- Like New 70%
- Excellent 60%
- Very Good 50%
- Good 40%

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Helpful tips

- Be patient items transact all year round
- Peak trading times: Textbooks: Nov-Mar Uniforms: Change of season; end of year and year start
- Listing Wanted and For Sale Ads gets results
- Our unique Ad Matching Service shows you who to transact with, and will save you lots of time
- Be realistic when pricing items
- Telephoning sellers provides a quicker response as many people do not regularly check their emails
- Pre-arrange who to transact with if your items are still being used and write the availability date in your Ad
- Respect other browsers and remember to Delist your Ads promptly when no longer needed
- Meet somewhere convenient to transact, don't make special trips and just fit it in to your normal activities